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# **Request for Decisions on Finance and Incentives for California's QRIS**

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# Finance Subcommittee

## 2009-2010

Provide decisions for CAEL QRIS Finance and Incentives, including Funding Model, based on the Finance Subcommittee's report presented on 9/30/10.

# California's Early Learning QIS

## Legislated Elements (SB 1629 – 2008)

- Assessment and analysis of existing ECE infrastructure
- Development of early learning quality rating scale for birth to 5 programs
- **Development of a funding model aligned with the quality rating scale**
- **Make recommendations on local, state, federal, and private resources**

# CAEL QIS Advisory Committee's assignments to Finance Subcommittee:

- Cost analysis for components of proposed Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)
- Identify and assess possible incentives
- Identify and assess possible sources of financial and non-financial resources for QRIS
- Develop a Funding Model linked, when possible, with cost centers

# Finance Subcommittee Action Items for 11-3-10 CAEL QIS:

## Action Items:

- □ Continue Cost Analysis
- □ Prepare for Possible Federal Resources
- □ Encourage Partnership Resources
- □ Include Finance Subcommittee Report in CAEL QIS Final Report

# General Cost Analysis

Initial work on cost categories, such as:

- ☐☐ QRIS and administration
- ☐☐ Professional development
- ☐☐ Training and TA for providers/programs
- ☐☐ Financial incentives
- ☐☐ Public awareness efforts
- ☐☐ Data systems
- ☐☐ Evaluation and continuous improvement

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# General Cost Analysis

Build on **CA-specific data** available from CDE, DSS, UCB (workforce), RAND (ECE quality), First 5 PoP Demonstration Projects, and others for modeling and ‘virtual pilots’

Use **variety of cost analysis tools**, including NCCIC QRIS Cost Estimation Model

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# Action Item: General Cost Analysis

## Recommendation 1:

- I move that CAEL QIS recommends that cost analysis using both the NCCIC Cost Estimation Model and other cost estimation methods, as refined through the pilot projects, continue under the Early Learning Advisory Committee.



# Progressive Build Out and Trade-Offs

- Consider progressive build-out of QRIS through pilot projects followed by ramped implementation
- Use combination of local implementation to maximize resources and expertise with fidelity to statewide QRIS model
- Consider trade-offs to set priorities; ultimately build to statewide QRIS implementation

# Action Item: Preparation for future funding

## Recommendation 2:

- I move that further work towards development of a QRIS specifically be designed to prepare California for the strongest possible federal Early Learning Challenge Grant application and other federal funding streams.

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# Partnership Concept

## Parameters

- Integrate existing local QRIS programs and funding, and other major local resources
- Use collaborative model
- Evaluate viability of different configurations through pilot projects

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# Partnership Resources

- □ State and Local Resources
- □ Federal Resources
- □ First 5 State and County Commissions
- □ Foundations, Businesses, Others

# Action Item: Partnership Resources

## Recommendation 3:

- I move that partnering with local entities that can bring the following resources to a collaborative partnership be included in the piloting of a QRIS to test the feasibility and value of this strategy:
  - substantial financial resources
  - services – in addition to those in QRIS
  - significant relationships with local providers and knowledge of the local community that would enhance the effectiveness of a QRIS

# Finance and Incentives for California's QRIS

Questions  
and discussion

